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CLERK:      (LB) 1110A, Mr. President, by Senator Hartnett. (Read title.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to open on LB 1110 (sic).

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, LB 1110A does what we talked about earlier, appropriated the first year in '98-99, \$9.7 million, and \$9,991,000 for General Fund in '99-2000 for program 25 to carry out the provisions of LB 1110. And that's basically what it does is carry out the funds for the ESUs of the state.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Wehrbein would move to amend, Mr. President. (AM3657 appears on page 1013 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, this is an amendment that allows a basic growth rate in this fund of 3 percent. That's essentially what it does, so this 9.7 can increase 3 percent. It allows for a 3 percent growth rate to occur. However, I can't think the number...maybe the Revenue Committee, I think it's (LB) 989 that's got the 2.5 percent lid on it. If Section 79-1025 is amended during the 1998 legislative session, to change a basically allowable growth rate to 2.5 percent, which would be that bill, then that would occur in this, instead of 3 percent. So what it's simply saying, if we put a 2.5 percent lid on everybody else, then we would also put it on this fund. But this, at this point, is at 3 percent. The 9.7 would be allowed to grow annually at 3 percent, unless LB 989 passes, then it would become 2.5 percent. That's the thrust of this amendment to 1110A, the A bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We're now discussing the amendment. Senator Wehrbein, your light is the only one on at the time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I just made my explanation of my amendment. Once again, it allows a 3 percent growth rate on the 9.7 percent